

Benton Items.

July 10, 1889.

At the close of the Sunday School last Sunday, the Supt., on behalf of the School, presented Miss Jessie Howie with a pretty dressing case, as a token of the high esteem in which she is held and in appreciation of the services so faithfully rendered by her as organist in this school for the past 3 years. In consequence of Miss Howie's removal from our midst, Benton loses an energetic worker in all social matters as well as in the Sunday school.

The Rev. Isaac Howie delivered his farewell sermon on Sunday evening last. He with his family go to Sheffield, Sunbury Co., during this week. Their removal is deeply regretted by the people here.

On account of a large number attending the celebration at Calais, Me., the 4th was generally observed as a holiday by the different mills. This gave an opportunity for those who were not quite so loyal to "Uncle Sam" to have their annual picnic at Pequigook and enjoy the picturesque scenery, for which that place is noted. About a dozen young men with their "best girl and basket" availed themselves of this chance and report a very pleasant time.

Mr. Donald Hendry and Rev. C. B. Woodcock have arrived in New York and are expected here the latter part of this week.

C. T. Hendry, of Florenceville, was in town over Sunday and made the Sunday school a pleasant visit.

Haying in this locality has commenced, but owing partly to the prolonged dry weather will be a very light crop.

It is rumored that our prominent business men as well as others have made the New Brunswick Railway Co. quite a liberal offer as an inducement for them to rebuild their machine shops here. As to the truth of this report I am not able to say, but I can say that Benton offers many advantages for those establishments, with a good water supply, level grounds near Railway Station and centrally located. We think, if the railway authorities have any idea of moving the shops from McAdam, they could find no better place than here.

Debec Items.

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ACCIDENTS.—Mr. Wm. O. Johnson, Sen., of this place, returned from Millville the other day with a very serious cut on his foot. Master Hugh Hemphill, eldest son of David Hemphill, Esq., had the misfortune to drive the entire bit of an ax through his foot, sole of boot, and all. Dr. G. Fred Colter stitched it together.

CORRECTION.—I observe the following errors in last "items":—"words eight, infernal, and badly"—should read: site, inferno, and respectively.

VACATION.—Misses L. and J. Lavery are spending a few holidays up river visiting. Mrs. J. Gallagher of your town is spending a few holidays in the country; she is the guest of Mrs. J. W. Benn.

HYMENIAL.—The ranks of bachelordom have been broken and bachelorism is sure to come to an end. The happy couple had just reached their new home when the symphonious sound of the serenaders was the signal for their appearance on the veranda. It was not long till all were invited in and enjoying a sumptuous treat. Many congratulations and wishes for their future happiness are tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Lavery.

QUERY. At the late excursion to St. Andrews why did the children have to pay from 60 to 70 cents more than the rats advertised? Ans.—Because they enjoyed the privilege of remaining standing during the entire trip, while a knot of favorites who paid the advertised car rates occupied the seats.

N. B.—Courtesy forbids me offering any other solution, at present, to this complicated problem. Again,—Why did they leave so many behind in Woodstock at said excursion? Ans.—So as to take on more at other stations. Third and last,—Why were the tickets sold and taken up within a few miles of St. Andrews? Ans.—So that they could not return any other way.

THAUMATURGUS.

Canterbury (Eel River) Items.

Dufferin Division, S. of T., met Saturday evening and installed officers for the ensuing quarter as follows: George Olts, W. P.; Julia Dow, W. S.; Mary Girdwood, R. S.; Harvard Olts, A. R. S.; Jennie Dow, F. S.; John Young, Treas.; Sage Dow, Con.; Bessie Dickenson, A. C.; Mrs. Girdwood, Chap.; Sadie Scott, F. S.; Robert Girdwood, O. S.; Mr. P. Girdwood, P. W. P.

The Baptist meeting house is undergoing repairs and, in consequence, the Sabbath School was held in the grove near by, last Sabbath.

We are pleased to know that Mr. Eli Taylor, who has been very poorly, is about his duties again.

Nackawick Items.

July 5th, 1889.

After an absence of rain for about two weeks we were favored with a light shower last night, but not enough to do the crops much good. Hay will be light in this section, but not winter-killed as we see reported from other places.

Mr. Alex. Munro has his blacksmith shop in running order, and the sign reads: "C. White Horse Shoer and Jobber." Mr. Munro deserves much credit in this enterprise.

Mr. John Quigg cut himself quite badly a few days ago, but is likely to recover soon.

The river is very low now and it is believed that the corporation drive has "hung."

Mr. G. A. Lounsbury announces his intention of going out of business this fall and retiring from "farm life."

Mr. Isaiah Barnett has a very fine colt, sired by J. Dingee, jr.—said to be the best in the parish.

Mr. John Lounsbury while driving the government stallion a few days ago had a very bad smash-up, but with the exception of the loss of the sulkey, there was no other damage done.

The organ-grinder may be seen or heard on the road at any time of day or night making his "crank notes" ring out on the silent air, while the geese set up a din of confusion and the gobbler warns the approaching stranger to beware.

Miss E. P. Lounsbury has opened a dress making shop at the "Mansion," and is now ready to manufacture wedding costumes at short notice.

The matrimonial epidemic is still raging, and the infection is not likely to abate very soon.

Squire Whitehead is preparing to build a fine residence 36x40; Johnny Barnes is building a new barn this summer, as also is A. Judson Brown.

Peddlers and agents are quite thick just now and one of our "locals" while "lying" in trying to sell a mower one day last week, was suddenly seized with lock jaw; this should be a caution to his brother agents.

Potato bugs are quite scarce in this section, but the supply is equal to the demand; potatoes are about all hoed and haying will begin next week.

Grand Falls Items.

July 10th, 1889.

Chief Commissioner Ryan of the Board of Works, accompanied by the local M. P. P., Geo. T. Baird, Esq., were in town on Saturday last, inspecting the roads and bridges.

A public investigation into the sale of the County lots at Grand Falls, will take place at the Grand Falls Hotel to-morrow before the Warden and Coun. Kelly, the committee appointed at the recent session of the council to deal with the matter; they have power to annul or confirm the sale as circumstances may warrant.

Under the summer time table of the N. B. railway trains for the South and West leave here at 3:30 a. m., connecting with the "Flying Yankee" at McAdam, and at 2:30 p. m. Trains for the North and East leave here at 5:00 p. m. Passengers for the North remain over night at Edmundston, and not here as formerly.

Farmers say that rain is much needed, as the ground is very dry.

A man and boy with bag pipes and flute are in town to-day; of course all the children in the village are following them and are delighted with the music.

Upper Woodstock Items.

July 11th, 1889.

Improvement on all hands is still the order of the day in the village. Under the clever supervision of Mr. G. R. Ketchum, the roads have not only been repaired, but where most needed have been quite renovated. A considerable portion has been turnpiked and about 300 tons of gravel and cinder from the old foundry have been hauled on, making an excellent surface. About 300 hundred yards of sidewalk have been laid from the Corner up towards Mr. Winslow's. Such improvements are not only an accommodation for residents, but for the benefit of the general public, and speak well for the public spirit of our people.

Mr. Samuel Hamilton is building a good sized barn on his farm above the village. Some of the barns in the settlement are quite handsome structures, certainly speaking well for the agricultural prosperity as well as the enterprise and taste of our farmers.

Court week is a busy time about the Trecartin House. This hotel has a pretty full list of permanent boarders this summer as usual, and the number of guests added during the sitting of the Court would be a serious question with many hotel keepers, but Walter is equal to the occa-

sion. He provides as good a table as any place of entertainment in the County, and at a more reasonable figure than most of them.

While several families have removed from the village this season, the community has more than held its own in point of citizenship, as recently quite an addition has been made to the population by new comers. Among them might be mentioned Messrs. Charles Alexander and Hugh Taylor, who are cordially welcomed to our quiet and peace loving town.

Sullivan Victorious.

From the various reports of the fight between Sullivan and Kilrain, near Richburg, La., on Monday, in which Sullivan was declared victor after the 75th round, we take the following:—

The amount of money involved in the battle was enormous. The stakes were \$20,000, the 700 inner circle tickets increase the sum \$10,500, and the 2,000 spectators at \$10 each add \$20,000 more to the amount, making a grand total of \$50,500, an amount unheard of in the previous history of the ring. The managers of the affair will not fare very badly, as they get a good percentage of the receipts from the sale of tickets. Sullivan gets the bulk of the money.

The despatches show that in the beginning Kilrain made a good fight, but in the end he slipped down to escape from the "big fellow."

NEW ORLEANS, July 9.—After the first few rounds in the fight yesterday the sympathies of the crowd were with Sullivan and he was cheered again and again. In the 45th round Sullivan vomited hard and it seemed his stomach was failing. Kilrain asked him to call it a draw, but Sullivan refused. At the end of the fiftieth round Kilrain's seconds knew their men must lose unless a chance blow could save him. Sullivan, although slightly winded, was able to deal sledge-hammer blows and Kilrain was gradually growing weaker. His blows had no strength, and his left side was evidently giving him considerable pain. He pursued the usual tactics of retreating whenever Sullivan advanced and the jeers of the crowd against the alleged champion of the world became more and more marked. Kilrain would smile, but there was ghastliness in his alleged good humor painful to witness. His strength was surely going and none knew it better than Kilrain. In succeeding rounds Kilrain went down repeatedly to avoid punishment. He was occasionally knocked down. He grew weaker and Sullivan forced the fighting. In the 75th round Kilrain went down with a light blow on the jaw and was cautioned by the referee. When time was called for the 76th round, Mitchell ran over to Sullivan's corner and asked if he would give Kilrain a present provided they would throw up the sponge. Sullivan generously answered, "Of course I will." But Mike Donovan, seeing the condition of his principal, to save him from further punishment, threw up the sponge. Kilrain was by no means satisfied, but notwithstanding his protestations he was bundled in a black shawl and hurried to a carriage in waiting.

Kilrain wept like a child and continued exclaiming "I'd him beaten." Kilrain's face did not betray the great punishment he received. He had a cut under the nose, one across both lips and his left eye was slightly discolored and swollen. His right hand had been injured by a blow on Sullivan's head, and his left instep had been cut by the spikes on Sullivan's shoes. He also received terrible punishment about the ribs. He claimed, however, to have been more overcome by heat than by the blows of Sullivan. He said he had not been properly trained and even intimated he might have been drugged. At the end of the fight a special train started for New Orleans, and when the city was reached the two fighters were taken to their respective quarters in carriages for treatment and rest.

During the entire progress of the 75 rounds neither of the combatants showed outward signs of severe physical punishment. Sullivan had his ear split, both eyes banged, neck scratched, and both hands disabled, but evinced no outward symptoms of suffering. Kilrain's lip was cut, left ear smashed, short ribs severely pounded and the only big bruise the size of a man's hand showed where Sullivan's terrific right hand repeatedly jabbed him.

It was evident Sullivan was no match for Kilrain as a wrestler or boxer. Give Kilrain Sullivan's immeasurable driving power and expanse of chest and shoulder and no man could stand against him. Kilrain's pluck and gameness was the theme of admiration for those who understand ring strategy and true endurance. The Baltimore man was practically whipped in the third round. Sullivan got in a fierce blow on his side under the heart from which he never recovered. An ordinary man would have thrown up the sponge in the next round.

European Peace.

Though peace still reigns in Europe it is evident that it only requires the slightest spark to set it all in conflagration. Even now Austria has taken offence at little Serbia, and declares that the latter's attitude is hostile, and so is amassing a large force on the frontier. For some ulterior purpose, too, Russia is carrying favor with France, and by little prior attention regarding his visit, the Czar is humoring the natural vanity of the French. Then, as if anticipating coming war, Britain is pushing forward the construction of her new armament with all possible speed—an energy that bespeaks more than merely to court popular applause and to catch votes at the next general election.

Somehow it is somewhat hastily assumed that there will be no war so long as matters remain in their present unsettled and unsatisfactory state in France, and that the Exposition now being held there is a guarantee of peace. But the existing inaction in France is ill-adapted to the French, to whom excitement in one form or other is the breath of life. Their new fangledness over the Exposition will soon wear off, and they will thirst for something else. There is certainly no lack of political strife among the factions in the Chamber of Deputies, but, besides displaying the weakness and instability of the party in power, it only whets the public appetite for something more exciting. Boulangism so far from being stamped out is only slumbering, and we fear that the failure of the Government in their attempted prosecution of Boulanger will have greatly increased his popularity with the mob.—S. A. Journal.

Irish-American Republic.

CHICAGO, July 5.—A number of prominent Irish Americans held a private meeting yesterday to discuss the advisability of establishing an Irish American republic to further the interests of the Irish race. An organization was perfected to be known as "Irish American Republic Association." It is hoped to secure Lower California for the purpose of establishing a Republic. Efforts will be made to secure this land or a large tract of Canadian lands. Should the Canadian land be secured an effort will be made to colonize it with 1,000,000 Irish and Irish American farmers. This number of Irishmen, with the addition of the Irish already in Canada, and the assistance of the French Canadian element would, it is thought, be able to capture the Canadian government and convert it into a powerful Franco Irish Republic.

Population of the United States.

The present estimated population of the United States is 64,000,000. The rate of increase, exclusive of immigration, is estimated at 1.8 per cent. per annum—about 100,000 a month. By immigration the increase of population averages over 43,000 a month, or over 500,000 yearly. The aggregate annual growth from both causes will not fall much short of 1,750,000. The estimated foreign population is not far below 14,000,000.

James McCormick of Harrisburg, a graduate of Yale and a millionaire, is also a mighty Sunday school man. He has a bible class of 1,000 men at Pine street church, from which he has never been absent a Sunday during a period of twenty years. He never goes so far from Harrisburg that he cannot get back within the week to address his giant bible class.

A disastrous fire in the town of Bakersfield, Cal., Sunday, destroyed every business house in town, besides forty dwellings, involving a loss of perhaps a million and a quarter dollars. Insurance \$300,000.